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The following information on the occupation of Meissen (N 52/F 09) was obtained:

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1. a. The kaserne on Highway No 101 was occupied by troops with red-bordered black epaulets between 17 and 19 January 1950.

b. Such activity was observed at the railroad station on those days. It was said that Soviet officer families from the vicinity, including the Dresden (N 52/F 29) area, were entrained for repatriation to the Soviet Union.

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- d. The Ross Hotel opposite the railroad station was occupied by Soviet officer dependents.

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2. a. The Artillerie Kaserne on Highway No 101 was occupied by about 1,100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets in early February 1950. The troops, about 50 percent being recruits, allegedly belonged to a tank unit including a subordinate motorcycle unit. Close-order drill was observed in the kaserne yard.

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b. Bonitzsch Kaserne was occupied by about 900 troops with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia, about two thirds being recruits. Two tanks were seen in front of the kaserne. Trucks [redacted] occupied by about 45 troops with red-bordered black epaulets, carrying field packs, rifles and gas masks, moved into the kaserne on 2 February 1950. An officer was in charge of the shipment.

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[redacted] comment:

a. The Meissen railroad station is known as the collecting point for shipments of Soviet dependents going to the Soviet Union.

b. The two kasernes are occupied by the 95th Tank Regt and the 7 No. Mtl Bn of the 9th Tank Div.

The statement that the motorcycle unit is subordinate to the 95th Tank Regt is presumably wrong. The motorcycle unit may conform to orders by the regiment only as far as quarters are concerned.

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